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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No.FDA-2015-D-3390]

Electronic Common Technical Document Technical Conformance Guide; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of an Electronic Common Technical Document (eCTD) Technical Conformance Guide, Version 1.0.

The eCTD Technical Conformance Guide supplements the guidance for industry entitled "Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format--Certain Human Pharmaceutical Product Applications and Related Submissions Using the eCTD Specification" and provides specifications, recommendations, and general considerations on how to submit eCTD-based electronic submissions to the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) or the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER).

DATES: Although you can comment on this notice at any time, to ensure that the Agency considers your comments, submit either electronic or written comments by [INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments as follows:

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <http://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else's Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see "Written/Paper Submissions" and "Instructions").

Written/Paper Submissions

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions): Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.
- For written/paper comments submitted to the Division of Dockets Management, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in "Instructions."

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2015-D-3390 for "Electronic Common Technical Document Technical Conformance Guide." Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as "Confidential Submissions," publicly viewable at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- Confidential Submissions--To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states "THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION". The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit both copies to the Division of Dockets Management. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as "confidential." Any information marked as "confidential" will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA's posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: <http://www.fda.gov/regulatoryinformation/dockets/default.htm>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the "Search" box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Division of Dockets Management, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

Submit written requests for single copies of the documents to the Division of Drug Information, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 51, rm. 2201, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002 or the Office of Communication, Outreach and Development, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Avenue, Bldg. 71, rm. 3128, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your requests.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of an eCTD Technical Conformance Guide, Version 1.0. The eCTD Technical Conformance Guide supplements the final guidance for industry "Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format--Certain Human Pharmaceutical Product Applications and Related Submissions Using the eCTD Specification" (eCTD Guidance)

and provides specifications, recommendations, and general considerations on how to submit eCTD-based electronic submission to CDER or CBER. The eCTD guidance will implement the electronic submission requirements of section 745A(a) of the Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act with respect to electronic submissions for certain investigational new drug applications (INDs); new drug applications (NDAs); abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs); certain biologics license applications (BLAs); and Master Files that are submitted to the CDER or CBER.

The Guide provides specifications, recommendations, and general considerations on how to submit eCTD-based electronic submissions to CDER or CBER and is intended to complement and promote interactions between sponsors and applicants and FDA's review divisions. It is not intended to replace the need for sponsors and applicants to communicate directly with review divisions regarding their eCTD-based submissions. The Guide is organized as follows:

- Section 1: Introduction--provides information on regulatory policy and guidance background, purpose, and document control.
- Section 2: General Considerations--recommends and provides general details on preparing an eCTD submission.
- Section 3: Organization of the eCTD--presents specific topics organized by their placement (by module) in the eCTD submission.
- Section 4: Issues and Solutions--presents instructions for correcting common problems seen in eCTD submissions.

II. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the Guide at either

<http://www.fda.gov/forindustry/datastandards/studydatastandards/default.htm> or

<http://www.regulations.gov>.

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